

HOUSE No. 1166

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to requiring parental notification and consent prior to implementing curriculum concerning human sexuality. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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| Bradley H. Jones, Jr. | Bradford Hill |
| George N. Peterson, Jr. | Daniel K. Webster |
| John A. Lepper | Paul J. P. Loscocco |
| Viriato Manuel deMacedo | Shirley Gomes |
| Elizabeth A. Poirier | Michael J. Coppola |
| Jeffrey Davis Perry | Todd M. Smola |
| Donald F. Humason, Jr. | Richard J. Ross |
| Susan W. Pope | |

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 32A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2002 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the
- 3 section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:
- 4 Section 32A. Every city, town, regional school district or voca-
- 5 tional school district implementing or maintaining curriculum, or
- 6 a school sanctioned program or activity, which primarily involves
- 7 human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or sexual orien-
- 8 tation issues shall adopt a written policy ensuring parental or legal
- 9 guardian notification.
- 10 Such curriculum programs and activities, which primarily
- 11 involves human sexual education, human sexuality issues, or
- 12 sexual orientation, shall be offered only in clearly identified non-
- 13 mandatory elective courses in which parents or guardians may
- 14 choose to enroll their children through written notification to the

15 school, in a manner reasonably similar to other elective courses
16 offered by the school district.

17 To the extent practicable, instruction materials and related
18 items for said curriculum, programs, and activities shall be made
19 reasonably accessible to parents, guardians, educators, school
20 administrators, and others for inspection and review.

21 No public school teacher or administrator shall be required to
22 participate in any such curriculum program and activities which
23 primarily involves human sexual education, human sexuality
24 issues, or sexual orientation issues that violate his or her religious
25 beliefs.